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Vulcan To Enter Large School Division ???

That one more epic in Canadianization, the little red country school house with its rural form of education, is soon to take its place beside the horse and buggy in the ranks of western history, was the opinion expressed by two prominent Alberta educators, Major W. Frame and the Honourable Earl Ansely speaking before a Home and School Association meeting in the Church of Christ last Thursday evening.

The purpose of the meeting, to hear authoritative opinion on centralization of education was fully realized when Major Frame, Assistant Chief Inspector of Schools in Alberta, covered in detail the many poor points in our present school system and discussed the advantages to be gained in absorption of the Vulcan School District by a large School Division.

Major Frame began by drawing attention to the extreme difference in the quality of education between a one-room rural school and even so small a town school as we have in Vulcan. Here are individual classrooms for each grade; some sort of specialization is possible among the more numerous teachers; our students enjoy more modern and more complete equipment, library and laboratory facilities. But inevitably the result of this is a higher cost to ratepayers. In consideration of the dividends paid through more complete education and firmer citizenship, though, the higher cost becomes of negligible significance.

Joining Large Unit Said No Maze of Red Tape

Becoming part in a larger unit is no expensive or complicated legal procedure. The Local School Board has the power to meet and there to decide if the School District shall ask to join the Division. Deciding in the affirmative, the Board may then surrender a request to the Divisional Board, which body will act upon the request as it sees fit. Should it be decided that it would be desirable to accept the school as an addition to the Unit (and the Divisional Board is not bound by law to do so in the case of town schools), the decision is forwarded to the Minister of Education for his opinion. Provided the proposal meets with his approval, the Minister will grant permission to carry out the proposed plan through official publication.

But the townspeople are not left without a voice in the matter. If, during a certain nominal period of time following the request to the Divisional Board, a petition bearing 25 per cent of the names of the ratepayers and demanding a poll, is forwarded to the Divisional Board, it then is required that a vote be taken and action arises from the decision of the referendum. The public is to be notified of the request by the Local Board to join the larger Division through means of a minimum of five posters, one to be placed in the post office and the remainder posted about town, and also the Board's intention is to be indicated through the legal columns of the local press.

Major Frame Lists Numerous Advantages of Divisional System

There are numerous advantages in joining the Division, many of which become immediately apparent. One of the first among these is the economical considerations. At the present time our school carries on under considerable financial stress, born of an approximately 30 per cent rise in cost of operation, while at the same time service and war-work enlistments of boys and girls who normally would have spent much longer in the school, have cut the enrollment by almost a third of its pre-war level. Under large Unit administration, the Divisional Board assumes the assets of the School District; simultaneously it accepts the liabilities. There is no change in the amount of the Government grant, but is sent to the Divisional Board to administer.

And the quality of administration is another point which strongly favors entering the Division. On the Divisional Board is an efficient administration body, well established and functioning smoothly; it is efficiently capable of dealing with school problems to the greatest good. The Board acts on its own initiative; and it takes into consideration suggestions of the School Supervisor and the local Trustees. Comprising the board are experts in each line of consideration. One of these is the Secretary-Treasurer. He is a specialist in his work, the only full-time employee on the Board. He makes it a point to become very familiar with your district and peculiar problems confronting your school. His energies are directed to gaining the highest possible efficiency in the Unit.

School necessities—chalk, books, reference material, furniture, etc.—become a great deal lower in price when purchased in large quantity through the Board. There are few of the same time they are on the alert for contagious diseases and impending epidemics among the student bodies.

Local School Board Remains on Guard

In contrast to popularly held opinion, the local School Board is not dissolved. Far from that, it carries on much as before with a real, though

limited, function. One trustee in representing the Board on the Divisional Board attends the meetings at headquarters, of which there are a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve in any one year. For this duty he is reimbursed to the sum of ten cents for each mile he must drive to attend the meeting, and five dollars per day compensates for the time he must be absent from his own employment. There is little scope here for profiteering.

The Local Board remains, and with the object of making representations and suggestions to the Divisional Board in regard to actions which they believe to be beneficial to the School. They carry out repairs and they function in emergency that the school carry on in the most efficient manner. The Local Board can also nominate its choice of teachers and be certain that the suggestions will be given just schools today which do not suffer antiquated furniture which should be replaced. Certainly our High School is no exception—rather it is an example.

Many other facilities in our present system are even less satisfactory. Libraries in the smaller schools are woefully inadequate to meet the expanded reading demands of our modern curriculum. It is under Divisional supervision that larger and more complete circulating libraries, as well as better supplied local libraries, can be set up. Laboratory equipment could well be expanded to meet more fully the teaching requirements of such subjects as the Physics and Chemistry courses, two subjects which the war years have seen become increasingly important.

Medical services are another important opportunity under centralization. Some few well administered Divisions supply even doctor care, and some have touched the extreme in setting up "Tonsil Clinics" where the operations were performed in quantity at greatly reduced cost to the parents of the afflicted children. Dental services also are often included under these schemes, or were until the Army Medical Services absorbed so many civilian dentists. Public health nurses, travelling from school to school carry out a complete immunization plan; at consideration in the final choice. All in all, the Local Board remains on duty to protect your rights, for it is the group most intimately concerned with the administration of the town school. Specific Consideration Indicate Need

In regard to High School especially, there are more specific advantages to be found in further centralization. Of the ninety-odd courses offered the student by the Department, our school here can offer scarcely a third in the time-table. These few will prepare students to enter University or Normal, or possibly a school of nursing. But since the larger share of students never enter any one of these three but take up some vocation at the wish of the student, there is a crying need for more vocational subjects. It is in this condition which is responsible for the increased interest in a more practical type of education. And it is in the remaining two-thirds of the offered subjects that are numbered the practical subjects which are not taught in small High Schools. In a large High School under Divisional Administration the students are present in strong enough numbers to warrant installation of expensive and other vocational equipment. This is a financial load which our present system could never bear.

All this does not necessarily mean that if Vulcan joined the Division the central school would be here in Vulcan. It could just as possibly be in High River or Blackie. And such a condition would inflict a hardship upon students who would have to travel long distances each day by bus, or who would be forced to live in dormitories during the school year. If that becomes necessary, then perhaps, our present system, for all its faults, would be preferable; the most valuable part of all training—home influence—would inevitably be lost to life in dormitories. Major Frame, however, when questioned on this point brought out the fact that it would probably be possible that citizens could know with certainty before joining what would be the location of the actual school building.

Minister of Education Sees Danger in Centralization

Following Major Frame's illuminating speech, the Minister of Education, Honourable Earl Ansely, spoke briefly and less specifically on Education, stressing the disadvantages under centralization. In the first place, he said, it is dangerous. One of the foremost actions in a developing totalitarianism is centralization of education, for with it comes a concentration of influence in the hands of a few. Centralization is bad, but in a country so sparsely populated as ours it is the lesser of two evils. And, Mr. Ansely believes, the Department is doing everything possible to overcome the propaganda danger of centralization in its policy of placing no restrictions on the individual teacher in the classrooms.

With such democratic foresightedness, we could expect very little that would be bad and much that would be beneficial under further centralization of Education in Alberta.

Brief Items of Local Interest

Mr. Somerville, P.N., returned to the east last week after spending a leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Somerville.

Mrs. Clea Phillips accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Russ Lawrence to Calgary last week from where Mrs. Lawrence entrained for the coast to join her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bowie spent last week with relatives in the Valley.

Mr. Elmer Vanetta is visiting with his family in North Dakota.

Several young friends of Miss Patricia Gorrill of the hospital staff gathered at the home of Mrs. Maude Jenkins on Wednesday evening to wish her well in her new position as a nurse at the B.C. The evening was spent in games and contests after which a dainty lunch was served.

Sympathy of his many friends here is extended to Mr. Stanley Scales, on the death of his mother, in Calgary, at the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Drummond, accompanied by Mrs. Mel Bowie were high river visitors at the week-end.

Bobbie Simington of Calgary spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Simington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crabb were Calgary visitors last week.

Friends of Gordon Engen will be pleased to learn his name was in a recently published list of R.C.A.F. personnel being returned to Canada from overseas in the near future.

Lac Walter Spradlin, until recently posted to Dawson Creek, left at the week-end for his new station at Montreal. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Emma Spradlin.

Miss H. Cameron spent the week-end in Calgary.

Friends of Mrs. John Carruther will be sorry to learn she had the misfortune to suffer a bad fall at her home last week, necessitating a stay in the hospital.

Mrs. W. S. Hill, Mrs. Percy Clark and Mrs. E. Lilly formed a committee appointed to purchase furniture for the Rest-Room and journey to Calgary for that purpose this week.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Russell Robbie on the recent death of her father.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Markert are congratulating them on the birth of a son on Thursday, January 27th. Mrs. Markert was before her marriage Mrs. Dale Graham.

Bob Fitzpatrick left recently for an extended visit in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Marshall were week-end visitors at Nanton.

Mr. Orville Mix, a teacher at Hinton, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mix.

Friends of Miss Elaine Plourd will be sorry to learn that she recently underwent an operation in the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Fleming are visiting with relatives in Idaho.

The 25th anniversary of the Cloverville Oldtimers' Club, at Champion, was celebrated by a large number of oldtimers, their descendants and friends, on Friday evening, January 25th. Several carloads of Vulcan oldtimers also attended and a most enjoyable time was reported. Officers elected for the year are: President, Mr. Isaacson, Champion; vice-pres., Mr. George Todd, Vulcan; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Ross Walker, Vulcan. At supper time the guests partook of a delicious lunch, with the guests of honor's table being beautifully decorated with flowers and a birthday cake. A toast to the King was proposed by Mr. Ross Walker, chairman for the evening, and other toasts were also made. Speakers included Mr. Ed Griffin, Mr. Martin Clover, Mrs. Ralph Bond, Mr. Martin Matlock and Mr. Pete Patterson. Rev. Peter Dawson, M.L.A., led in the community singing. Prizes were awarded to old-timers who had resided the longest time in the district. Mr. George Baldwin of Carmangay, who settled here in 1885, won the gentleman's prize, while Mrs. Will Todd was declared the ladies' winner having lived here since 1904. A prize to the oldest man present went to Mr. Adams, Champion, who at the ripe old age of 85 obliged with some mirth-provoking songs. Mrs. Cuy Walker, 75, was the oldest lady in attendance.

The debate last Sunday, sponsored by the Young People's Union of the United Church drew a large crowd to hear the subject "Resolved that the teachings of Christ are of more importance to Christianity than His example." Those taking part were as follows: Leader of the affirmative, Mr. James Wilson, second speaker Miss Lorna Wright; leader of the Negative, Rev. Ken Allaby, second speaker, Miss Jean McFall. The judges were Rev. K. Norris, Mr. Simcoe and Mrs. Jantzie, and their decision showed the affirmative to be the winners by a small margin. The audience expressed themselves as being delighted with the talent shown by those taking part. By this effort a sum over \$18.00 was raised for Missions and the Church Board thank the Young People's for their efforts on behalf of a vital cause.

A very exciting game of hockey was played recently between Harmony high school and Reid Hill high school boys; the score being 12-7 for Reid Hill.

Mr. Geo. Loxton of Magrath, Alta., who was a delegate at the Farmers' Union in Edmonton last week, spent several days at the home of his nephew, Mr. E. J. Loxton.

Friends of Mrs. John Hanna will regret to learn that she was called to her home in Saskatchewan last week owing to the serious illness of her mother.

K. Roy McLean, Optometrist—Regular Visit—King's Drug Store, Tuesday afternoon, February 13th, and Champion the same morning, Calgary office, 1015 South Main Bldg., last four days of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Goldthorpe and grandson Wesley of Vulcan, are spending the winter months at the coast at the home of their daughter and son-in-law.

Friends of Howard Langille, who is now stationed at Claresholm, will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of Flying Officer.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Clifford will be interested to know they have returned home from Creston, B.C., where they have spent the fall and winter months. Mrs. Clifford has been advised to return to Calgary for medical advice, pending a major operation.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary, to the Canadian Legion was held in the hall on Thursday, Jan. 25th, with a good attendance of members. The auditor's and secretary's report showed a very satisfactory year's work and the many grateful letters read from boys overseas were further evidence of the work being accomplished. Donations of \$50 to the Prisoner of War fund and \$10 to the Rest-Room fund were voted. Plans were made for the quilting of two quilts on the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 2:30. It is also planned to hold a sale of home baking in the Legion hall, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Sale to commence at 3 o'clock. Election of officers for the ensuing year was conducted by Mr. R.W. Simington and Mrs. W. J. Saunders, with the following results: President, Mrs. G. Monkman, re-elected; 1st vice-president, Mrs. C. Matlock; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Bud Armstrong. Executive, Mrs. A. Sales, Mrs. A. Brooks, Mrs. W. J. Saunders, Mrs. E. E. Andrews, Mrs. J. Hunter and Mrs. F.M. Anderson.

The election of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. No. 37 was held on Wednesday evening with the following slate returned for 1945: President, Major C. R. Robson; 1st vice-president, P/O Carson McKay; 2nd vice-president, John Hanna. Active executive: George Monkman, W. J. Saunders, C. E. Gay and D. D. McQueen. Associate executive: Russell Robbie and Boyd McKay.

A card party of bridge and whist will be held in the basement of the Anglican Church on February 2nd, at 8 o'clock, sponsored by the Ladies' Guild. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dahl, accompanied by Mrs. George Fulton and Miss Neoma McMullin, were business visitors to Calgary for a couple of days last week.

Friends here of the former Viola Brown will regret to learn that her husband, Tpr. Mervin Baker, was recently killed in action on the Italian front.

Mr. Monty Findlay of Seebe, Alta., is spending a week's leave with his wife and family here.

Little Miss Betty Hansell has returned to her home after several days spent in the hospital, following a tonsilectomy.

WELL-KNOWN ALBERTA RANCH CHANGES HANDS

After residing for the past 26 years in the Vulcan district, James Wyatt recently sold his interest in the 1400 48 miles north-east of town to his brother Frank.

Mr. Wyatt has purchased the ranch of Thos. A. Noble, 12 miles west of High River, a very desirable property well suited to the cattle industry. Both commercial and registered Hereford stock will be raised on the ranch known as "Wyatt's Hereford Ranch."

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robson and family wish to express their sincerest thanks to Dr. Carson and all friends for their help and sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Koehler left on Sunday evening's train for a two-week holiday at the coast.

Lac Ronnie Thomas spent a short leave with his wife and small daughter here last week.

Mrs. L. G. Cliford has returned to her home in the district after a holiday spent at Creston, B.C.

Mrs. H. Weaver, of Calgary, was a district visitor at the week-end.

Mrs. Percy Simpson is convalescing in the local hospital following a recent operation.

Mr. J. Larson is holidaying at the Pacific coast.

Friends of Mr. Hector Galbraith will be sorry to learn he is at present confined to the local hospital.

Mrs. Donald Ulrich and small daughter are spending a couple of weeks with relatives at Carmangay.

Mr. Steven Slyzen has been confined to the hospital for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lyman have returned from an extended visit to Seattle, where they spent considerable time with Mr. Lyman's son, Ross M. Lyman, M.M.Mo. 1/c, who was wounded last May while on service with the United States navy. Ross, who is well known here, received severe leg wounds when his ship was struck off the coast of New Guinea while evacuating troops from a small island. Although he expects to be confined to hospital for another year, undergoing grafting of bone and skin by a noted specialist in surgery, Ross considers himself lucky and is very cheerful. While the time will not be short, he is utilizing it to the best of his ability by taking many of his university subjects from special instructors, provided by the government.

Complimenting Mrs. H. Weaver, the former Avis Deal, a recent bride, a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. H. Ulrich on Saturday evening. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Ulrich, Mrs. R. Clarkson, Mrs. F. B. Clark, Mrs. O. A. Craig, Mrs. H. Matlock, Mrs. K. Fisher, Mrs. L. Christensen, Miss Lila Jean Clarkson and Mrs. D. Ulrich. Games and contests were arranged and greatly enjoyed, prizes going to Mrs. L. F. Dawson and Mrs. Christensen. The gifts were presented to the guest of honor in a daintily decorated basket. Mrs. Fisher and Miss Lila Jean Clarkson assisted Mrs. Weaver in unwrapping the useful and lovely presents for her new home. Mrs. Earl Deal and Mrs. Roy Deal presided at the table which was attractively decorated with silver bells and rambling roses. A dainty lunch was served by the joint hostesses. At the conclusion of the evening the guest of honor very suitably thanked here many friends for their thoughtfulness and kindness.

P. L. W. Ottewill, pilot, is being repatriated and is expected to arrive here soon.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Goldthorpe wish to announce the engagement of their third daughter, Mary, to Martin Hoffman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoffman of Milo, the wedding to take place at a later date.

Dear Reader:

Owing to strict newspaper rationing, we have been forced to adopt the policy of discontinuing all subscriptions upon expiration.

We find that nearly all past due subscriptions are caused by forgetfulness, so we ask that you check your label today. Return early to avoid missing a copy.

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BERRYWATER NEWS

Mr. Ralph Nichol of Springbank, agent the week-end as the guest of Stuart Douglass.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Oldfield were Calgary visitors Friday and Saturday.

The regular meetings of the Berrywater U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith on January 24th with a good attendance. The year's conveners were appointed by the U.F.W.A. and Education: Mrs. J. Oldfield; agriculture and post-war planning: Mrs. W. Oldfield; legislation: Mrs. Simms; horticulture: Mrs. Simms; health: Mrs. Lov; Young People: Mrs. H. C. Douglass; Social Welfare: Mrs. A. Oldfield. Mrs. Smith was named the Rest Room representative. Arrangements were made to hold the next dual meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Oldfield, February 7th. The date of the Study Group was changed from January 26 to February 2nd, to meet with the convenience of the young people. After the business session was completed all members gathered in one room to hear the report of the annual convention delegate, Mrs. W. Oldfield. All enjoyed the very interesting and detailed account of the U.F.W.A. convention with highlights of the men's convention, U.F.A. for the division Macleod and last Calgary for 1944 are U.F.A.: Mr. Milt Ward, Arrowwood; U. F. W. A., Mrs. H. C. Douglass, Vulcan. Berrywater W.M.S. Worship Hour was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Love, January 28th with a good attendance. Mrs. L. Oldfield conducted the worship period, with Mrs. Lewie accompanying the song service. The next worship hour will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Oldfield, February 18th at 8 p.m.

Mrs. W. Oldfield arrived home Saturday evening from a week at the U.F.W.A. convention at Edmonton.

Mr. Jim McRoberts is scheduled to leave Thursday night for Ontario, where he will visit with relatives at Windsor and Tillamook.

Mrs. Healey and Mrs. McRoberts were Lethbridge visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Campbell of De Winton were district visitors on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandt were Champion visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Douglas spent a couple of days at Calgary and Okotoks last week.

MAYVIEW NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McLean and Miss Jessie Sinclair of Calgary, were Sunday visitors at the homes of J. K. Stein and Mrs. D. Sinclair.

Friends of Miss Elaine Plourd will be glad to know that she is making a satisfactory recovery after an appendectomy in the local hospital.

Miss Marjorie Corner and Miss Nora Macdonald of Calgary, were week-end visitors at their homes in the district.

A series of moving picture films by the National Film Board will be shown at the Mayview school the first Sunday in every month until further notice beginning on February 6th. These films are very interesting and instructive and everyone is invited to attend.

Awil Poyllis Smith of No. 19 S.F.T. spent a recent "48" at the home of her parents.

Mr. J. K. Stein, Miss Melba Stein and Alan Sinclair were Calgary visitors on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

A card party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Knive on Feb. 7th. Everyone welcome.

KIRKCALDY

Mr. and Mrs. Knudson and son Johnny were week-end visitors at Claresholm.

Mrs. Neil Stewart and Marjorie of Claresholm are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilhite.

J. Walker, L. Wilhite, R. Middleton and W. Brinton were curling this week in the Okotoks bonspiel.

Kirkcaldy Women's Institute The Kirkcaldy W.I. met at the home of Mrs. W. Todd on January 25th with six members and three visitors present. The meeting opened by singing O Canada, saluting the flag and repeating the Creed. Mrs. W. Todd acted as president in the absence of both president and vice-president.

Suggestions for the new program were given and it was decided to meet on February 1st at the home of Mrs. Bert Maisey to make up new programs. Mrs. McDonald gave an interesting thumb-nail sketch on "Greek Foreign Debt and Foreign Policy" by John A. Levandis.

Mrs. Bert Maisey won the raffle. Mrs. Knudson gave two accordion solos and also became a new member of the W.I. Two piano solos were played by Mrs. Frank Rempie of Calgary and were very much enjoyed.

The meeting closed by singing God Save the King after which a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Todd.

MILO NEWS

Good Neighboring Over the Border
Milo Boys Cut Loose With Power
and Cake Making, Bow City
Coal Mining

(By Evan Beechman)

A most interesting letter has been received from L.A. Jack Heather who is stationed at Camp Porden. In describing a trip to New York, Jack says: "Four of us fellows went to New York and we sure had fun. I didn't think it was possible to have such a good time. The first night we were invited to a radio broadcast. After the broadcast, Fred Waring, the orchestra leader put on a show for an hour that was better than the broadcast. Then all the servicemen went up to his place for a party. One floor of his apartment is set up just like a canteen. We had lunch and then he put on another show with a magician, a tap dancer and a couple who worked with Marionettes. After that show we had games, dancing and contests including pie-eating without hands, dropping clothespins in a bottle and dart throwing. Everyone was given a Xmas present of a packet of cigarettes, a leather folder with snaps of Fred Waring, his brother Tom, and the girls who sang in the show and all autographed too. After the party Tom Waring took us down to a restaurant and we had hot cakes and coffee. The rest of the week was practically the same, a singer on the Lord Hour invited us to a party, and a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria and after that a show. Following the show we were invited to a cocktail party by some members of the Industrial Business Machines Corp. Some South Americans were in attendance from Brazil and Panama, and also Spanish girls from Peru. We sure liked them and I did my best to be a good neighbor. The party broke up at ten and I phoned one of the single s and went up to her apartment. On the way I got lost in Harlem and didn't get there till after midnight. Monday Tom Waring took us to the Lamb's Club, the oldest actors' club in the world. Tuesday we went to see the Empire State Building, 192 stories, 1248 feet high, wow! After that to the Radio City Music Hall, seating capacity 6000 and saw a circus stage show; also the Rockettes, one of the famous choruses of dancing girls in America. The Empire State Building has over seven miles of elevator shafts and the elevators travel about 1000 ft. per minute. The building accommodates 80,000 people or nearly all of Calgary. The beauty of the whole thing was that the trip cost us nothing and I came back with fifteen dollars." (Letters like this should go far in showing the feeling of the U. S. A. to her Canadian neighbor). Some of the people are most ignorant about Canada. One girl was surprised that I could not speak French and another asked me if I had ever driven a dog team.

We Go Tobogganing

We have ever been a gullible soul, the delight of all salesmen and our enthusiasms are easily kindled about anything which adds to life's pleasures or profits. Thus it was that last Sunday, we were persuaded against our better judgment to go out to Slick-up Hill and watch—watch mind you—the young people indulging in skiing and tobogganing. We had no intention of doing either ourselves but we took along a pair of overalls, just in case. We might as well have left them at home. A lady whose proportions closely approach ours borrowed them from us and while in this state of comparative nudity we allowed ourselves to be talked into a ride on the toboggan. It had thawed the previous day and then froze and the slide was ten percent snow and nine percent pure unadulterated ice. Live good men and true mounted that toboggan put their trust in the helmets man who didn't know how to steer but considered that a purely private matter, braced their feet and other parts and away we went. The first half was fine. Suddenly we took a bump and our posterior was the recipient of thumps reminiscent of the toe of an Ontario farmer during our unfortunate boyhood. We hurt but hung on grimly. Then we went over a ten foot rise at sixty miles per hour and below us there was nothing; absolutely nothing; but when we and nothing met, my friends that was something. We hurt but we hung on grimly. In another second we; toboggan and the law of gravity parted company, then we and the toboggan parted company and after sliding on the seat of our bottoms for thirty feet, they and us parted company. The sight of a fat, middle-aged, police magistrate, sans a seat to his needs, merely disrupted morale. We hurt but we hung on grimly, and hastily beseeched the lady that she return our coveralls. We are nearly recovered but we are standing to pound out this record. I think that nature designed womenfolk for tobogganing, as they are so much better upholstered. I would like to say, that as for us, never again, but we are so gullible.

Poker—Cake—Coffee—Poker

When the cat's away the mice do play—poker. Mrs. Victor J. Bertrand was attending a convention in Edmonton last week and the estimable Victor, becoming lonely, decided to throw a stag party. The carefully worded invitation read: "The Vic got out the family cook book, found a recipe for his favorite chocolate cake, tried it, it was delicious and he decided to have a behemoth masterpiece. Nine others attended the party, good staid, staid, and dependable citizens who normally attend church take their part in community affairs, vote right,

C.C.F. News Comment

In the year 1930 R. B. Bennett was elected Premier of Canada because he promised to end unemployment and to secure farm property. The farmers remember the poverty that came with the Bennett regime. Near the end of his term of office Mr. Bennett admitted the impossibility of making the system work. He said:

"When one has been head of the Government of this country for more than four years, and one has done his level best, and has worked with all his might to bring you security, it is with inexpressible regret that he speaks as I must now speak to you. Let us examine the economic system. The biased Capitalist will say that nothing is wrong with it, and will maintain that it would be all right if it were left alone. But in Canada that is what we have always done. It has operated under the most favorable conditions. Yet the system has not been efficient. As a consequence the country has been suffering. The old order has gone; it will not return."

This plain speaking by R. B. Bennett was resented by the "free enterprise" Capitalists behind the Tory party. He was not allowed to attempt the necessary changes in the system.

Today the Tories have the same platform we knew during the depression. True it is glamorized a bit to give it a sugar coating for the public. In the background are the very principles condemned by Premier Bennett in 1930. The Tories have baited their farm line with John Bracken hoping the farmers will be suckers enough to bite the Tory Hook again. Bracken or no Bracken the Tory machine is the servant of Monopoly Capitalism, it cannot at the same time serve the farmers.

In the Macleod Federal Riding the farmers should prepare to vote for a progressive farmer. It is good sound sense for farmers to vote for the C.C.F. Candidate. He stands for a farmer's programme. "Ot" Vobick of Barons the C.C.F. candidate for Macleod is a very successful farmer and will be able to represent the farm view in parliament effectively.

Listen to CFCN on Mondays at 10.15 p.m. and to "The Truth About the C.C.F." every Thursday over CJOE at 10.15 p.m. advt.

WANTED: a recent model truck, 1 ton preferred. Will trade a 1939 Chev. coupe excellent condition throughout.

S. Brown Jr. Blackie, R 804

brush their teeth daily and see their dentist twice a year. Harry Blowers, assisted as chef and his sandwiches certainly filled the bill and also the Alf and Archie.

The bridge game opened but that was only a sop to the conscience, a mere concession to social requirements. Before long, someone suggested poker and the fun was on. Poker, sandwiches, cake and coffee; coffee, cake sandwiches and poker until far into the night. Yes, my friends I hesitate to say it, but also far into the morning. How quickly the hours passed for the boys and how long for the loving wife who stretching forth her arm in her sleep found nothing in the place of the little man who wasn't there. According to my informant, one chap went out to see the clock at 3 a.m. and the dashed thing said seven, so the culprits toddled home.

Imagine the reaction as little children preparing for school or playing in the morning sun, saw papa returning in time to milk the cows. Imagine what mama said, but that is another story and to be more correct, ten stories and if you gentle reader are married, you can make your own ending to this little episode.

Personals

Sam Vinje was in town the other day. He is working at the Bow City coal mines. At the present time a seam of coal is being worked from which twenty-five feet of dirt has been removed. Fifty feet below this there is another 25 ft. seam. At the present daily output is about 1,000 tons and it is expected that after the year this mine may become the largest producer in Canada.

Congratulations are extended this week to Melvin Nelson and Laura Johnson who were quietly married in Calgary. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Morstad of Trinity Lutheran Church and the young couple will reside at the groom's farm at Queenstown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baden of Longview spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Page, Mrs. Howell and other relatives.

We regret to report that Mr. Brinker is at present a patient in a Calgary hospital and has undergone an operation for sinus trouble.

Mrs. Lawrence Dakin of Vancouver spent a week at the home of her mother Mrs. Charles Northcott.

Harold Northcott has been posted to No. 10 Repair Depot at Calgary.

Tae Albert Bushell was home on a few days' leave. Upon his return he will be posted to Watson in the Yukon Territories.

The Queenstown Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. O. Lohd for their January meeting and election of officers was held for the ensuing year. Mrs. Mallett occupied the chair during election Mrs. Brown was the retiring president. Officers elected were: Mrs. W. Taggart, president; Mrs. O. Lohd, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Lund, treasurer and Mrs. M. T. Edwards, secretary. A St. Patrick's tea and miscellaneous sale is planned for March 17th.

The Eastway Social Club held a whist party at the home of H. Goldthorpe on the 17th. Nine table were in attendance. Ladies' first prize was won by Mark Hoffman who was pinch hitting and girls' first prize went to W. Brown. Consolation prizes were doled out to Mabel Gooch and Frank Ient and the proceeds will go for comforts to the boys overseas.

Lawrence Smith has received an extended leave of another three months.

Our story this week concerns a dinky who was employed as a houseboy down in Ontario. The love of high wages was too much for him and he quit his employer to get some of that \$8.00 per day stuff. He applied at the munition factory and was being questioned by the manager. Name, age, etc., was given and then the employer said: "In case of accident where do you wish the remains sent?" Sam looked up, his eyes filled with horror. "You all don't need to send dem no place, I've takin' dem wif me."

Church Succeeds Gardiner of U.F.A.

At the U.F.A. provincial convention held in Edmonton last week, George Church of Balzac was elected to succeed Robert Gardiner who has served the U.F.A. as president for many years. Mr. Church is 54 years of age and has been on the provincial executive since 1931. He is chairman of the Co-operative Milk Co. of Calgary and a member of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative on the A.F.A.

A resolution, adopted at the convention, urged continuation of the Canadian Meat Board and the contract system of marketing export meat products in the post-war period. The convention also approved a resolution submitted by the executive of the Lethbridge Federal Constituency Association asking the federal government to open the United States market for cattle.

Dr. Sinclair, dean of the faculty of Agriculture of U. of A., said agriculture would continue to hold its important place for at least the next generation.

The supply of food in the world has never been far ahead of its actual need, he said.

Dr. Sinclair said about 2½ acres of arable land are needed to provide necessities of life for one person. There are 4,000,000,000 acres of land capable of cultivation in the world, and the globe's population has been estimated as somewhat in excess of 2,000,000,000 persons, giving a cultivated acreage per capita of approximately two acres.

But he also referred to the mechanical developments releasing men from agricultural labor. In China 85 out of every 100 persons is needed to produce food. In United States and Canada the figure is 22 per hundred, with steady decrease.

Must Buy Plant

Dr. Allen, president of Alta. Livestock Co-operative, said the only way in which livestock producers could set up their own co-operative packing plant would be to raise huge sums of money and take over control of one of the present large operating plants.

Could Ban Sunday Shooting

A resolution requesting the provincial government to retain its ban on Sunday game shooting was endorsed almost unanimously by delegates. The resolution from the Red Deer U.F.A. local, was in direct contrast to a resolution passed last week at a convention of the Northern Alberta Fish and Game Association which asked for a lifting of the Sunday shooting restriction.

The resolution said it thought permitting of wild bird and animal shooting on Sundays would seriously deplete the stocks of wild life. It expressed the belief a large number of people object to Sunday shooting.

A Gardiner Scholarship

A Robert Gardiner scholarship fund for the Alberta School of Agriculture was created by the 36th annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta.

The fund will mark the end of 14 years' service as president of the farm organization by Robert Gardiner of Calgary. Mr. Gardiner is retiring at the close of the convention because of failing health.

Re Armed Services

A resolution adopted at the U.F.A. convention advocated formation of advisory groups of practical farmers to assist in settlement of returned war veterans on the land. The Dominion and provincial governments will be petitioned to co-operate in establishment of the proposed groups. Another resolution said bonuses granted returned service men were not sufficient to enable them to become re-established, and requested the Dominion government to make all loans to returned service personnel interest-free. These interest free loans would be for purchase of land, equipment or any other purpose. In case of default on payment interest would not exceed three per cent.

The proposal was approved that all members of federal rural constituencies, regardless of party affiliations should line up to form a farm bloc in

The Land of Snow

(Lethbridge Herald)

Reading Eastern exchanges these days enlightens people of the South Alberta banana belt on the matter of snow and what it does to a community when the Weather Man sets out to break records. As we bask in the warm Chinook zephyrs and watch the golfers pursuing their midsummer recreation in the middle of January, we are smug enough to feel a bit superior to the benighted folk who wade through snow up to the waist.

The Chicago Sun thinks the modern Chicagoan is a poor, weak, puny sort of person. It used to be that nobody ever cleaned the snow from the streets and sidewalks in the Windy City. Now, says the Sun, nobody will move out until the city's now-clearing apparatus gets to work.

Which brings to mind a story told us the other day about a former Lethbridge citizen now residing on a county highway just outside Hamilton. After the big snow he labored mightily clearing off the roadway from his garage to the county road, moving huge quantities of snow by hand. Just as he got the job done along came one of those gargantuan monsters used for snow removal down in the land of snows and piled a drift about 12 feet deep right across the newly-shovelled path.

support of agriculture. A pledge would be asked from rural members to support all measures tending to increase the share for agriculture in the national income.

A resolution asked the Alberta Power Commission to start rural electrification projects as soon as possible.

The eventual unity of A.F.U. and U.F.A. is delayed because of slow development of fundamental unity. The A.F.U. has 20,000 members and the U.F.A. has 14,335.

Opposition to the taxing of co-operatives was contained in another resolution which pointed out that co-operatives should be encouraged in the best interests of the people, and should not be subject to income tax, excess profits or any similar tax on the amount of surplus on hand at the end of the year.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

In the Estate of JAMES GEORGE PIPER, late of the District of Kitchissippi, Alberta, Farm Laborer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the Estate of the above named JAMES GEORGE PIPER who died on 29th October, 1944, are required to file with the undersigned by 3rd March, 1945, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any security held by them, and that after that date the Administrator will distribute the assets of the Deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.

Dated at the Court House, Calgary, Alberta, 30th January, 1945.
D. L. SLOAN,
Public Administrator for the Judicial District of Lethbridge.

Church Notes

The United Church of Canada

Morning service 11 a.m.; evening service 7.30 p.m. Special music. All families, visitors, strangers and people in uniform are cordially welcome. Sunday school at 12.15 noon. Young People's Union is changed to meet for the present after the Sunday evening service.

ANGELICAN CHURCH

There will be service in the St. Aldhelm's Anglican church on Sunday, February 4th and a congregational meeting. Rev. Vaughn-Birea will conduct the service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Mr. T. H. Bostock, minister of the Black Diamond Church of Christ, will be delivering the sermons and in charge of the services at the local Church of Christ this Sunday, Feb. 4th. This is part of a general exchange of ministers throughout Alberta. Mr. K. T. Norris, the local minister will be preaching at the Turner Valley church.

Hours of service on the Lord's Day are as follows: Bible School 10.30 a.m., Lord's Supper and Preaching, 11.30 a.m.; evening evangelistic service at 7.30. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend these friendly services.

The Young Married Couple's group meets regularly on Tuesday evenings at 8 in the home of the minister and his wife. All young couples are warmly welcomed to these meetings.

Two weeks ago in the report of the church annual meeting a mistake of \$200 was made in the missionary offering. Rather than \$28.46 this should have read \$228.46 for missions and evangelistic work.



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"Senator" Griesbach, former Inspector General of the Canadian Army in Western Canada, died on Sunday at the age of 67 years.

TOWN OF VULCAN

Auditor's Financial Statement

For the Year Ending December 31, 1944

— RECEIPTS —

Balances December 31, 1943—	Bank	Cash on H'd	
Municipal Account	\$ 2,183.71	\$ 9.00	\$ 2,192.71
School Tax Trust Acct.	\$ 2,418.62	\$ 69.22	\$ 2,487.84
Hospital Tax Trust Acct.	\$ 477.59		\$ 477.59
Totals	\$ 5,079.92	\$ 78.22	\$ 5,158.14
Receipts on Account Taxation—			
Municipal Taxes only on Amalgamated Taxes		\$12,459.61	
School Taxes		\$15,940.46	
Hospital Taxes		\$ 2,313.35	\$30,713.42
Licenses and Permits—			
Professional and Business		\$ 135.00	
Dog Taxes \$36.00; Building Permits \$10.00		\$ 46.00	\$ 181.00
Investment Earnings—			
Interest Earnings		\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
Service Charges—			
Commissions		\$ 61.62	
Sanitary and Other Charges		\$ 741.23	\$ 802.87
Recreation and Community Services—			
Recreation Services		\$ 676.80	
Community Services including Cemetery		\$ 254.00	\$ 930.80
Grants and Subsidies from Other Gov'ts—			
Dominion—Local Ration Board		\$ 681.46	\$ 681.46
Miscellaneous—			
Tax Sale Surplus		\$ 898.35	\$ 898.35
Outstanding Cheques, Vouchers or Overdraft			
December 31, 1944—			
Municipal		\$ 11.90	\$ 11.90

— PAYMENTS —

Outstanding Cheques, Vouchers or Overdraft,		
December 31, 1943—		
Municipal	\$ 46.34	\$ 46.34
General Government—		
Salaries—Sec. Treas. \$906.80; Audit Fees \$145.00	\$ 1,051.80	
Bond Premium \$11.70; Legal Expenses \$27.50	\$ 39.20	
L.T.O. \$150.00; Delegates' Expenses \$24.80	\$ 174.80	
Printing \$46.22; Postage \$68.50; Stationery \$95.95	\$ 210.67	
Office Expenses \$132.85; Telephone \$109.05	\$ 241.90	
Local Ration Board \$620.94; Association Fees \$10	\$ 630.94	
Advertising	\$ 21.50	\$ 2,370.81
Protection to Person and Property—		
Fire Dept's \$806.45; Police Dept's \$1,088.96;		
Liability Insurance \$69.55	\$ 1,964.96	
Destruction of Pests and Weeds \$4.27; Street		
Lighting \$1,386.00	\$ 1,390.27	\$ 3,355.23
Public Works—		
Streets and Sidewalks	\$ 1,033.17	
Town Property \$13.40; Work. Comp. Board \$96.72	\$ 110.12	
Town Man	\$ 971.50	
Unemployed Insurance	\$ 24.84	
Donation to M.D. of Vulcan, re Gravelling		
Cemetery Road	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,339.63
Sanitation and Waste Removal	\$ 249.43	\$ 249.43
Public Welfare—		
Health Unit \$209.55; Indigent Relief \$404.11	\$ 613.66	
Child Welfare \$148.03; Mun. Hospital		
Requisition \$2,500.00	\$ 2,648.03	
Mothers' Allowance \$75.00; Old Age and Blind		
Pensions \$188.84	\$ 263.84	
Grant, Salvation Army \$25.00; Blind Institute \$25;		
Ladies' Aid \$10.00; Wood's Home \$10.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 3,595.53
Conservation of Health—		
Education—		
Public School Requisition	\$14,900.00	
School Tax Commission	\$ 27.85	\$14,927.85
Recreation and Community Services—		
Links \$1,306.31; Cemetery \$227.18	\$ 1,533.49	
Library	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,653.49
Debt Charges—Exchange	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.59
Miscellaneous—		
Refund of Overpaid Taxes \$34.15; Payment of		
Tax Sale Surplus \$43.42	\$ 77.57	
Victory Bond	\$ 1,000.00	
Social Services Taxes on Reg. Remitted	\$ 423.00	
Distribution of Receipts from Lands Sold or Leased	\$ 1,031.90	
Purchase of Property	\$ 554.43	\$ 3,086.90

— ASSETS —

Net Balances Dec. 31, 1944—	Bank	Cash on H'd		
Municipal Account		\$ 3,137.41	\$ 41.15	\$ 3,178.56
School Tax Trust Account	\$ 3,487.64	\$ 35.17	\$ 3,522.81	
Hosp. Tax Trust Account	\$ 281.41	\$ 9.53	\$ 290.94	
Tax Sale Sur. Trust Acct.	\$ 854.93		\$ 854.93	
Total	\$ 7,761.39	\$ 85.85	\$ 7,847.24	\$ 7,847.24
Investments—				
Victory Bonds				\$ 5,000.00
Accounts Receivable				
Sundry Accounts and Rents Receivable		\$ 107.85	\$ 107.85	
Due From Dominion of Canada—				
Local Ration Board		\$ 55.18	\$ 55.18	
Taxes Receivable (not including Property Acquired for Taxes)			Net Total	
Municipal Taxes			\$ 1,050.37	
School Taxes			\$ 1,744.15	
Hospital Taxes			\$ 273.04	\$ 3,067.56
Taxes Receivable on Property Acquired For Taxes—				
		Less Res. For	Net	
		Uncl. Taxes		
Municipal Taxes	\$ 6,050.41	\$ 3,061.95	\$ 2,448.46	
School Taxes	\$ 7,837.30	\$ 4,664.40	\$ 3,172.90	
Hospital Taxes	\$ 623.47	\$ 371.43	\$ 252.04	\$ 5,873.40
TOTAL ASSETS				\$21,951.23

— LIABILITIES —

Accounts Payable—		
Salaries—Sec. Treas.	\$ 85.00	
Receipts from Lands Sold or Leased	\$ 13.10	
Miscellaneous—Office Expense	\$ 5.36	
Telephone \$2.81; Stationery 25c; Fire Dept. \$25.23	\$ 28.29	
Police Dept. \$57.14; Street Lighting \$252.00;		
Rinks \$121.75	\$ 430.89	
Streets \$28.05; Town Man \$42.50; Cesspools \$1.90;		
Cemetery \$20.00	\$ 92.45	\$ 655.09
Due to Province—		
Old Age and Blind Pensions \$233.04; Mothers'		
Allowance \$6.25	\$ 239.29	
Child Welfare	\$ 10.58	\$ 249.87
Due to Local Boards and Commissions or Other Funds—		
School Requisition Unpaid	\$ 2,959.91	
Tax Sale Surplus Account	\$ 854.93	\$ 3,814.84
Surplus		\$17,231.43
TOTAL REVENUE FUND LIABILITIES		\$21,951.23

— REVENUE —

Taxation for Municipal, School, Social Services Tax		
And Hospital Purposes—		
Land, Improvements, Buildings, etc.	\$27,331.46	\$27,331.46
Business	\$ 2,129.36	\$ 2,129.36
Other—Electric Light and Power	\$ 258.00	\$ 258.00
Licenses and Permits—		
Professional and Business	\$ 135.00	
Dog Taxes \$36.00; Building Permits \$10.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 181.00
Investment Earnings—		
Interest Earnings	\$ 110.00	
Tax Sale Surplus Transferred to General Account	\$ 43.42	
Penalties and Costs	\$ 739.71	\$ 893.13
Service Charges—		
Commissions	\$ 18.20	
Sanitary and Other Charges	\$ 707.50	\$ 725.70
Recreation and Community Services—		
Recreation Services	\$ 676.80	
Community Services including Cemetery	\$ 284.00	\$ 960.80
Grants and Subsidies From Other Gov'ts—		
Dominion—Local Ration Board	\$ 736.64	\$ 736.64
Total Revenue	\$33,196.09	
Surplus from Previous Years	\$ 2,500.00	

— EXPENDITURE —

General Government (Administration)—		
Administrative	\$ 1,656.13	
Other General Government Expenditures	\$ 914.04	\$ 2,570.17
Protection to Persons and Property—		
Fire Protection	\$ 820.53	
Police Protection	\$ 1,144.90	
Street Lighting	\$ 1,512.00	
Destruction of Pests	\$ 4.27	
Liability Insurance	\$ 69.55	\$ 3,551.25
Public Works—		
Streets and Sidewalks	\$ 1,261.22	
Town Property Expense	\$ 2.50	
Workmen's Compensation Board	\$ 96.72	
Salary—Town Man \$1,014.00; Unemployment		
Insurance \$24.84	\$ 1,038.84	\$ 2,399.28
Sanitation and Waste Removal—Cesspools	\$ 251.33	\$ 251.33
Conservation of Health—Foothills Health Unit	\$ 209.55	\$ 209.55
Public Welfare—		
Charity and Miscellaneous Welfare including Indigent		
Relief	\$ 404.11	
Child Welfare	\$ 128.11	
Old Age and Blind Persons	\$ 204.59	
Mothers' Allowance	\$ 75.00	
Charitable Grants	\$ 70.00	
Municipal Hospital Requisition	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,381.81
Education—		
Public School Requisition	\$18,000.00	
School Tax Commission	\$ 27.85	\$18,027.85
Recreation and Community Services—		
Recreation Services	\$ 1,379.84	
Community Services	\$ 367.18	\$ 1,747.02
Debt Charges—		
Exchange	\$ 3.59	
Discount on Taxes	\$ 2,417.32	\$ 2,420.91
Capital Expenditures Provided Out of Revenue—		
Purchase of Property	\$ 554.43	\$ 554.43
Social Services Tax Requisition	\$ 423.00	\$ 423.00
Total Expenditure	\$35,536.60	
Surplus For Year (Excess of Revenue over Expenditure)	\$ 159.49	

Churchill Wins Strong House Vote

Upheld 34 to 7 as War Debate Ends
Certain Newspaper Still Protest
Action in Greece

Although the voice of dissent is still active in the British press against measures taken in Greece, Prime Minister Churchill was strongly upheld in the House of Commons following his long speech on the war, and policies in liberated countries.

He said the present Russian drive was part of a co-ordinated plan to keep all fronts in constant flame until the final climax.

Defending his policy in Greece, he said that it was only by the resolution of a few British soldiers that Greek freedom was saved. He changed that well-armed Communists had been practising terror over Greece ever since departure of the Germans. He attacked London newspapers for the news which their Athens correspondents sent out (Editorially the London Times replied that in hiding nothing about Greece and in criticizing the government where mistakes may have been made the British press was merely discharging its duty).

He said Britain had no political combination in Europe in respect of which Italy is needed as a partner. The principle in respect to liberated countries or repentant satellite countries he said was government of the people for the people by the people, set on a basis of free universal suffrage elections. That is the policy for Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece. An agreement has been reached with Russia, but it has raised no question of spheres of interest or division of territory after the war. It aimed only at avoidance of friction between allies. An agreement was encouraged, in respect to Yugoslavia, between the Tito government at Belgrade and the Royal Yugoslav government installed in London. The form of the monarchy is preserved.

In Greece Britain is guided by the simple policy of victory against the Germans and establishment of aid to the most substantial government machine that can be found, as well as maintenance of law and order and holding general elections fairly. He said Britain went into Greece on invitation of all parties, but Communist-directed forces pressed in from the north planning to seize the power of the Greek state in Athens. He claimed that these E.L.A.S. bands had played little part against Germans in the last two years but had conserved the arms supplied them. He reiterated that nothing was sought from Greece but friendship.

He said: "I warn that if we are going to tear ourselves asunder in Britain over all the feuds and passions of the Balkan countries which our armies and Allies have liberated, we shall be quite incapable of making our influence felt in the great settlement which waits us."

Tribute to U.S. Losses
Turning to the western front, he reviewed the action proceeding since December 16, and said that U.S. troops have done almost all the fighting and suffered almost all the losses. Only one British Army Corps has been engaged on this occasion. "The Americans have engaged 30 or 40 men for every one we have engaged and have lost 60 or 80 men to every one of ours. This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war. This is no disparagement of our own, because a month or two earlier we lost 40,000 men in opening the Scheldt. The British army stands in its northern position between the enemy and Antwerp. "Our armies are under supreme command of General Eisenhower. In the Nazi counter stroke when the gap was torn open, Eisenhower at once gave command north of the gap to Field Marshal Montgomery, and command south of the gap to General Bradley. Montgomery acted promptly falling unceasingly on the enemy to the north. Eisenhower gave both commanders fairest opportunity to realize full strength and qualities. "Of all troops landed in France, the losses sustained by British Empire and U.S. troops have been very level in proportion to numbers engaged. There are twice as many Americans

Male Minimum Wage Act

The minimum wages for male employees in Alberta have been increased by a new order under The Male Minimum Wage Act to be gazetted in the first issue of the Alberta Gazette in 1945, according to an announcement this week by Hon. C. E. Gerhart, Minister of Trade and Industry. The new order will go into effect on February 1, 1945.

The previous order applied to a work week of 42 hours. The new order will apply to one of 40 hours, but the maximum work week of 54 hours will still be permitted.

Wages on a per hour basis have been increased five cents per hour for each of the four recognized classes of workers according to ages.

Under the new order, and assuming that the employee is engaged on a weekly basis or for longer steady period the worker 19 years of age or over will receive \$20.00 per week as compared with the previous \$18.00. Eighteen-year-olds will get \$18.50 instead of \$16.20. Seventeen-year-olds will get \$16.00 instead of \$13.50 and those under seventeen will get \$13.50 instead of \$10.80. The new scales will apply to all workers employed 40 to 54 hours per week. Time and a half will be paid for overtime.

When the work week totals less than 40 hours, the employees will be engaged on a per hour basis. Those 19 or over will get 45 cents per hour instead of 40. Eighteen-year-olds will get 40 cents instead of 35. Seventeen-year-olds will get 35 cents instead of 30 and those under 17 will get 30 cents instead of 25. Minimum payment under this schedule will be for four hours, even though only a fraction of four hours is worked.

Deduction under the new order will remain unchanged and will be \$5.00 per week for 21 meals or 25 cents for a single meal and \$2.00 per week of seven days for lodgings or 25 cents per day.

The new order applies to all classes of employees and employers to which The Male Minimum Wage Act applies except where, trade school students, workers under approved contracts, etc., the Board of Industrial Relations has made exemptions.

It is a stipulation of the new order that a bulletin containing the details of a d issued by the Board of Industrial Relations must be posted where it can be easily read by employees.

Water Not Costly For Farm Homes

Speaking at a farm meeting in Calgary, B. T. Stephenson, agricultural engineer, told his audience that water can be piped into the majority of Alberta farm homes from the existing water supply for as low as \$50.

Many persons were of the mistaken opinion, that installation of these services necessitated heavy expenditure. The cost depends largely on the proximity of the water supply to the house in question.

The kitchen water supply would include hot and cold water services.

Before arranging for installation of water services, those farmers interested in the proposal should first ascertain the source and extent of their water supply. In cases where the supply was not too plentiful, the supply could be boosted by installation of cisterns for rain water and water from the irrigation ditches.

Mr. Stephenson said that while the provincial department of agriculture and the University of Alberta were anxious and willing to assist farmers in this problem, and much information had been gathered on the subject, the number of farmers who had expressed interest to date had been surprisingly small.

on the western front as of British Commonwealth. We have taken measures to keep our armies up to full strength and United States has taken extraordinary measures for this purpose. Let the Germans dream from their minds any thought that we will be turned from our purpose.

CAPITAL AND LOAN FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

— ASSETS —		
General Fixed Assets	\$34,353.18	\$34,353.18
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS		\$34,353.18
— LIABILITIES —		
Investment in Capital (or Fixed) Assets (Capital Surplus)	\$34,353.18	
TOTAL CAPITAL LIABILITIES		\$34,353.18

AUDITOR—McCannel Bros. & Co., C.A.
ADDRESS—217 Dominion Bank Building, Calgary, Alta.
SECRETARY-TREASURER—C. H. Hoskyn. Address: Vulcan, Alberta
AMOUNT OF BOND—\$2500.00. Number of Bond—8747.
COMPANY—The General Accident Assurance Company of Canada.
DATE SURETYSHIP BEGAN—April 3, 1944.
Bond was changed during 1944 owing to death of former Secretary.
NAME OF BANK—Canadian Bank of Commerce at Vulcan, Alberta.
Number of Verification Tax Notices Mailed by Auditor under Sec. 95 (3)—20

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have audited the accounts of the Town of Vulcan for the year ending December 31st, 1944, and have compared the said accounts with their relative vouchers and certify that in our opinion the foregoing financial statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Town, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us, and as shown by the records, subject to any qualifications mentioned in Auditor's Special Report herewith.

Dated at Vulcan this 18th day of January, 1945.
Signed: MCCANNEL BROS. & CO., C.A.
217 Dominion Bank Bldg., Calgary, Alberta.

Grand Total Revenue Section \$35,690.09

Grand Total Expenditure Section \$35,690.09

February Drive On Savings Stamps

On February 2 the Food Industry of Canada will start their annual "War Savings Stamp Campaign." It is still running till March 10 and all local retail food stores have been asked to co-operate. The quota set for Al-

berta is \$751,450 which breaks down to about \$188,000. In the drive during the same period last year Alberta raised \$156,000.

Headquarters of the drive committee's that in previous years the record in Alberta was not very satisfactory, but it is now advancing from one of the low provinces and is nearing the top in relative stamp sale.

Community Service

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Vulcan - H. T. Lamont, Mgr.

ATTENTION

Farmers and Business Men

Accounting and Income Tax Service Forms

for 1944 Income Tax are now available. Let us bring your records up-to-date and prepare your Tax Returns. All work will be done in Vulcan. Rates reasonable. We suggest that you have this work done as soon as possible.

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1940 Ford DeLuxe Sedan

low mileage, very good tires, is the prize for our Carnival. **SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd.**

Net proceeds to Canada's fighting men and comforts for Prisoners-of-war.

Tickets - 3 for \$1.00 or get 3 free for selling a book Write: Women's Institute, Rocky Mountain House, (Registered under War Charities Act)

Vulcan Municipal Hospital

District No. 19

NOTICE

HOSPITAL SERVICE TICKETS

All Service Tickets for 1944 expired on December 31, 1944, and can only be renewed up to February 28th 1945. Holders of Tickets in the Hospital District during 1943 who did not purchase a Service Ticket in 1944, will be required to pay for both 1944 and 1945

Positively No Tickets Will Be Sold After the Last Day of February

D. A. McAfee, Secretary-Treasurer.

EASTWAY

Mrs. McWilliams (nee Mary Buckna) of Lundbreck, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis for a few days last week.

Mrs. F. Lent was a Calgary visitor for a few days.

The card party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldthorpe was well attended on January 17th. Nine tables of Court Whist were played. The prize-winners were Mr. Martin Hoffman (as lady) and Mr. W. Brown; the consolation going to Mrs. G. Gooch and F. Lent. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee.

The next meeting of the Social Club will be at the home of Mrs. N. Johnson on February 1st.

Mrs. Nettie Willard of Arrowwood was a visitor in the district last week.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor,
The Vulcan Advocate.
Dear Miss Bateman:-

I should like, through the columns of your paper, to express to the citizens of Vulcan and district the sincerest thanks of the committee for the generous donations which have made possible the necessary renovation of the Ladies' Rest Room.

The Rest Room is now open on its new site, and at three-thirty o'clock on February 10th, an Open House tea will be held for those who would care to visit and see the accomplishment of several months of work.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. P. M. Clark,
Secretary-Treasurer

Questionnaires On Reconstruction

Details of Survey in Connection With Business and Farms. All Contacted Asked to Co-operate

There will be some curiosity as to the nature of the questionnaires now being filled out by business men, householders and farmers over this district, and over the entire province. Not everyone is being asked to turn in information, but there will be a sufficient number to form an estimate of avenues of employment and consumer demand that may be expected in Alberta for post war planning.

Business Survey

For example the business survey asks salaries or wages paid in 1939 and in 1944, with an estimate for the post war year; the number of employees male and female, same period; the number of former employees now in armed forces and the number expected to return to employment; also the number of emergency employees such as married women, overage persons or students.

Then the questions continue in respect to possible employment either for physically handicapped ex-service men with suitable training, or for non-trained men physically handicapped. Such handicap as loss of arm, leg, an eye, nervous disorder, etc. are specified. Also there is a question on the type of skilled workers needed.

Another section asks annual gross receipts in 1939 and 1944, and an estimate of post war receipts; also capital invested.

Possibility of expansion or improvement is asked for in respect to new equipment, facilities, fixtures, delivery trucks, building of any store or new branches. Additional fuel requirements as to coal, gas, power, water or wood are asked. And the final question is on the matter of financial requirement or borrowing.

Farm Survey

The farm survey covers a wide range, asking acreage under ownership or rental and grazing acreage. Permanence on farm or alternative move is asked. The question of family at home in 1944, and those expected to return after the war is covered; also the farm help required in 1939 and 1944.

One section covers livestock in detail and cultivated acreage, also gross income from crops, livestock, dairy products, poultry.

Planned expenditures are asked in respect to new or additional homes and other buildings. The needs in the home which are anticipated are asked, covering furnace, water system and plumbing, light, telephone, furniture, clothing, etc., on the farm, fencing, wells, dams, dugouts, etc. The order of preference for new improvements or purchases is asked.

Another section deals with machinery and equipment very intensively as to every type of machine, its age, size and condition; also planned purchases and probable cost.

Questions are asked on the planning for financing the purchases, whether from savings, current income or borrowing.

Suggestions are called for on the most pressing community needs in respect to health, roads, education, etc.

School Boners

Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen." As a queen she was a success.

A good milk cow can be told by her rudder.

An example of animal breeding is the farmer who mated a bull that gave a great deal of milk with a bull with good meat.

A sure-footed animal is an animal that when it kicks it does not miss.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSN. MEETS

The Vulcan Home and School Association will meet in the future on the third Wednesday of each month. This was made the official date at the last meeting of January 18th. A report of the membership committee showed an enrollment of 78 members, 30 of whom answered roll call. There was a fair representation of friends from the town and vicinity present.

During the evening the chairman presented Mrs. D. O. Jantzie with the official Past President's Pin of the Home and School Association.

The meeting was honored by the presence of Hon. E. Ainsley, Minister of Education, and Major W. E. Frame, assistant to the Chief Inspector of Schools for Alberta, as guest speakers. The topic of both speakers was of an educational nature.

The program for the evening was as follows: Opening, O. Canada; Prayer, Rev. E. Hansell, M.P.; Report of Membership Committee; Business; Presentation of Past President's Pin by Mr. Weber; Introduction of Speakers; Frame; Vocal Selection, Doris Lily; by Mr. Simape; Address, Major W. E. Ainsley, Hon. E. Ainsley; Question Period; "God Save the King."

Watch for the announcement of the program for the next meeting of the Home and School Association.

REST ROOM COMMITTEE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The main feature of interest when the Rest Room Committee met in the new building last Saturday afternoon was the installation of officers for the coming year. Mrs. Richardson was elected to continue as President, while Mrs. W. S. Hill became vice-president. Mrs. P. M. Clark was returned to the position of secretary-treasurer. Added to the finance committee was Mrs. Bert Maisey.

Business covered during the business part of the meeting included the decision to institute a checking service in the Rest Room; the caretaker will, in the future be reimbursed to the extent of ten dollars a month for her services; and the date of the next meeting was set, it will be held on the third Saturday in March. Long a feature of the Rest Room, the exchange cupboard will be discontinued immediately and it is requested that those who had articles for sale in the cupboard call at the Rest Room to claim them at their earliest convenience.

Mr. George Davies then addressed the meeting with regard to two proposals of the Vulcan Lions Club. After discussion the ladies voted to accept the kind offer of a donation. Throughout the meeting, Mrs. L. E. Richardson was in the chair.

VULCAN AIRMEN LOSE TO CALGARY TEAM

In a rough and tumble melee which threatened at every minute to develop into a hockey game, the Vulcan airmen took the short end of a 4-9 score against a team from No. 3 S.F.T.S., Calgary, in the Vulcan arena on Monday night.

From a few moments after the first bell when No. 3 flashed down the ice for their first goal it became apparent that our team suffered much in its lack of practice. What the boys needed in skill though, they all but made up for in vigor. It was a rough fight with some fast, some rough, playing, with good ice to help and plenty of cheers from the packed stands. Though in losing, Vulcan test it to stay on top of the Airforce league; we can still look forward to some good games each Monday night in the local rink.

This was the second clash in the current series for the team from No. 19. Last week in Calgary a talemate with the Wireles school boys ended in a 4-4 draw.

CENTRAL AIRFORCE BAND BRINGS FINE MUSIC RECITAL

Recognized as one of the finest musical organizations on the North American Continent, the R.C.A.F. Central Band enthralled both service personnel and local townspeople with an hour-short concert in the drill hall at No. 19 S.F.T.S. on Tuesday evening January 23rd.

Of the many selections rendered, most popular was a delightful tone picture built around one of the current hits from that gay music "Okahoma," "Oh What a Beautiful Morning." Another number "An Airman's Prayer," written by a Canadian Airforce Officer, will long be remembered as one of the most masterful interpretations. And then, as evidence of a broadly variegated program, the large audience enjoyed a musical parody on "Wreck of the Old 97," which featured a collection of effects that could be produced only by the Central Band or possibly Spike Jones and his City Slickers.

Many of the most famous orchestras on the continent are represented among the musicians of the Central Band. Some are there from the Toronto and Montreal Symphonies, the Sousa Band, and a sprinkling come from Paul Whitman, Al Goodman and Len Hopkins' Chateau-Laurier orchestra. Conducting the band and doing a fine job of it is an Albertan, Warrant Officer E. A. Kirkwood of Edmonton.

All brutes are imperfect animals. Man alone is a perfect beast.

A circle is a line which meets its other end without ending.

To keep milk from turning sour you should keep it in the cow.

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Wed, Thurs. Feb. 7 & 8

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VULCAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 1902

NOTICE OF

Annual Meeting

of Ratepayers

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of Electors and Ratepayers of Vulcan School District No. 1902, will be held in the basement of

The Brick school, Vulcan on

Thursday, February 8 1945

at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon

For the purpose of considering the Auditor's Report of the finances of the District for the year ending December 31st, 1944, and for such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

By Order of the Board,

D. A. McAfee,
Vulcan, Alberta Sec-Treas. pro tem